

EWELL COOLED A HOT MCKINLEY WAVE.

New Jersey Republicans, Wild with Enthusiasm, Tricked by Their Senator.

They Shouted, and While They Were Dazed the Convention Adjourned.

Diplomacy of an Astute Politician Secured an Uninstructed Delegation to St. Louis.

HOBART FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

A Most Remarkable Gathering, in Which Wives Were Pulled by Skilled Hands and Things Were Done That the Delegates Knew Not of.

Trenton, N. J., April 16.—Just as the Republican State Convention, led with contagious McKinleyism, delegates cheering and stamping and waving hats for the Ohio candidate—was about to vote on the question of endorsing him this afternoon, United States Senator Sewell quelled the tumult and reduced enthusiasm to astonishment by angrily declaring that if he, as one of the delegates-at-large, was instructed he would withdraw. In the lull that followed this threat, as daring as a politician could make, the diplomatic Senator moved to adjourn, and the chairman, State Senator Stokes, a staunch Sewell supporter, rushed the motion through before the McKinleyites had recovered their scattered senses.

A flank movement on a battlefield never created greater surprise than Sewell's diplomacy; the result was a complete victory for him, but a victory won at the price of criticism when it was all over from those who had been tricked into defeat.

The early part of the convention was as quiet and uneventful as a lawn party; the end as exciting as a bull fight. The party leaders made their state and platform skillfully. To give the delegation to St. Louis greater power in furthering the candidacy of New Jersey's favorite son, Garrett A. Hobart, for the Vice-Presidency, it was planned that the delegates should go uninstructed as to the Presidency. These points were referred to in the platform, and when it was read the party leaders were apparently confident that their work would stand unchallenged.

As Judge Buchanan finished reading the resolutions Congressman McEwan, leader



EX-CONGRESSMAN HORROR.

"It is carried," declared the Chair. "I call for a rising vote," said McEwan. He was not recognized at first, but finally he commanded attention by force of a powerful pair of lungs, and when he was given the floor he demanded that a vote be taken on his amendment. The Chair ruled that the amendment was out of order, and to this McEwan replied:

"Then I appeal from the decision of the Chair."

A STEP TOO FAR. This bombshell in convention where there had been boasts of harmony fifteen minutes before, startled the leaders and drove some of McEwan's supporters from his side. They swarmed about him and urged that he should not go to that extreme, and while he was arguing with his friends that he was justified in insisting on an appeal, the chairman made an effort to resume other business. He walked back and forth on the stage nervously, battered the table with his gavel and was apparently as much relieved as a pardoned prisoner when McEwan relented and sat down.

The fray was not over, for while the others were giving vent to McKinley enthusiasm by cheering, Delegate Milton Edgar, of Union County, was busy preparing a resolution. He is a mild-mannered, unobtrusive politician, and when he rose to speak none in the hall expected anything more significant than words urging harmony. In fact he did urge peace in the party in the first few sentences, but he didn't carry out his own doctrine, for as he concluded he moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we recommend the nomination by the St. Louis convention of William McKinley, and that we urge our delegates to use their best efforts to secure that nomination.

This was offered as an independent resolution, not as an amendment to the platform, in order to avert any violation of the rules, and in urging its adoption Mr. Edgar pointed out that he did not want the reso-

GARRET H. HOBART.

A favorite son of New Jersey, endorsed for Vice-President by the State Convention of Republicans.

lution considered as being an instruction to the delegates, but rather as an indication of New Jersey favor.

"Right you are!" called out a colored delegate from the stage, and then again the convention gave vent to its McKinley enthusiasm. It looked for a few moments as if the obstructionists would be unable to check the resolution, but Senator Sewell again came to the rescue with a move made as skillfully as it was daring. He had been elected one of the delegates-at-large, and when he said that he did not think it fair to put a collar on a delegate and then tag him, it was apparent that he was going to make the matter a personal issue. Continuing he raised his hand, threw back his shoulders, and stepping into the aisle to be in plain view, said:

DEFIANCE OF A DIPLOMAT. "And if my experience, my character is not such that you can trust me, I will resign the trust you placed in me when you elected me a delegate-at-large. If I believe it to be the will of the Republicans of New Jersey that McKinley be nominated I will vote for him, if I believe they want Alton or Harrison, or any other man, I will vote for that choice, but I must go to St. Louis uninstructed or not at all."

For a few moments the convention was silent with astonishment, then there were a few faint efforts at applause, and as silence came again, the Senator took advantage of the consternation he had created by moving to adjourn. Chairman Stokes put the motion more quickly than anything else was done throughout the day, and the convention was over before Senator Sewell's neighbor could congratulate him for his tact.

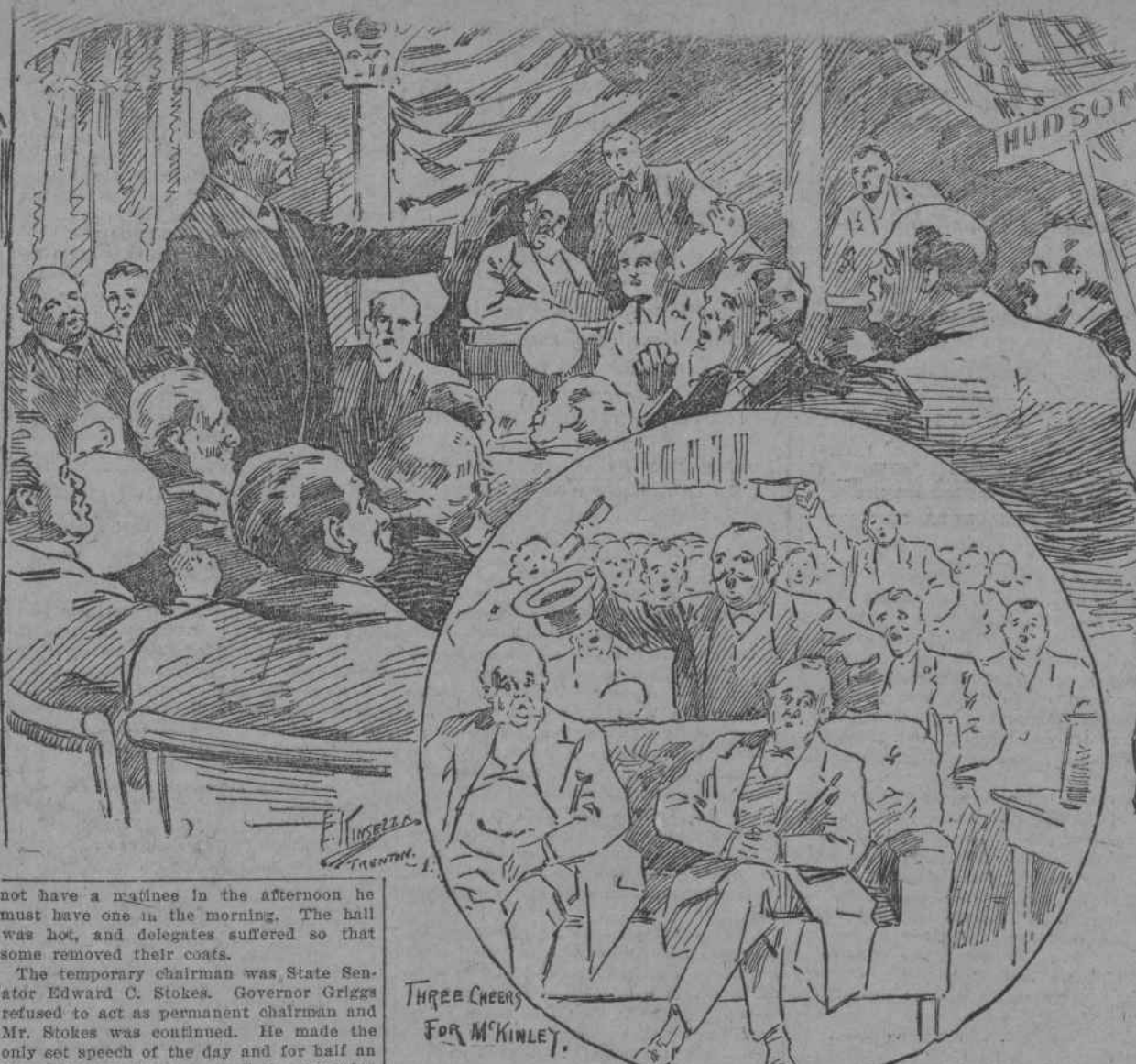
It was a remarkable Republican gathering in more ways than in the rise and fall of the McKinley movement. The chief feature, outside of this was the launching of the Hobart boom for the Vice-Presidency. He is a skillful campaigner, as was shown by his success in forcing the nomination of Griggs for Governor, and he said to have prepared the plans himself for to-day's proceedings. Although not in the convention hall, his friends were there in force, and they cheered his name whenever it was mentioned.

OTHER CONVENTION WORK. The convention was held in Taylor's Opera House, and the opening was delayed until 12:30 because the manager of a company playing there insisted that if he could

not have a matinee in the afternoon he must have one in the morning. The hall was hot, and delegates suffered so that some removed their coats.

The temporary chairman was, State Senator Edward C. Stokes. Governor Griggs refused to act as permanent chairman and Mr. Stokes was continued. He made the only set speech of the day and for half an hour rang the changes on all the campaign arguments of the day. Then he gave the convention an object lesson on the popularity of candidates by referring to the leading ones and pausing after each reference for applause.

"I do not propose to play the role of prophet," he said. "I do not assume to predict who our standard-bearer will be. I am content to abide the verdict of St. Louis. It may be that sturdy citizen of New York" (faint applause). "or it may be that distinguished son of Maine, whose liberal courage made possible the achievements of the Fifty-first Congress." (Applause trilled louder than that given Morton.) "It may be that distinguished Senator from Iowa, whose wide experience, broad views, thorough knowledge of financial and industrial affairs are well known, and who is perhaps the real author of reciprocity." (Scarcely a ripple.) "Or it might be he whose voice has always been raised in behalf of the tolling masses, who has never been banquished by a foreign Board of Trade and whose name is in itself a synonym of protection." (Tremendous applause.)



THREE CHEERS FOR MCKINLEY.

New Jersey Republicans' Enthusiasm for McKinley.

Chairman Stokes unconsciously evoked the first outburst. Ex-Congressman Horst, of Michigan, who spoke on invitation, brought out another outburst. Congressman McEwan raised the greatest tumult, and Senator Sewell, quelling it all, secured an uninstructed delegation to St. Louis.

practically a unit in favor of what?"

The speaker evidently expected some one to call out "protection," but a man in the Gloucester delegation yelled "McKinley," and for at least a minute the hall rang with the name of the Ohio favorite.

The election of delegates-at-large was made exciting because of a quarrel in the Essex delegation as to who should be put forward. The county is allowed to select one of the delegates-at-large, and the rival candidates were Franklin Murphy, chairman of the State Committee, and Elias S. Ward. Murphy was supported by Carl Lentz, the Republican boss of Newark, and in a caucus of the delegation yesterday, at which there were eight absentees, Ward received 68½ and Murphy 69½ votes.

It was suggested that another caucus be held here to-day, but Murphy refused, preferring, he said, to carry the fight to the floor of the convention. At the last moment, Ward's name was withdrawn, and then all the slated delegates-at-large—Garret A. Hobart, John Keen, Senator Sewell and Mr. Murphy—were elected unanimously.

The alternates named were Barker Gummere, Henry C. Loudenslager, Clarence E. Breckenridge and Charles A. Reed. To avoid the fight which made the delegation the laughing stock of the country at the last National Convention, Gummere was named as Keen's alternate, Loudenslager as Sewell's, Breckenridge as Hobart's, and Reed as Murphy's.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

In addition to the State Convention the delegates of the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Congressional districts held their conventions here this forenoon and elected the following as their delegates to St. Louis: First District, George E. Hires, Salem County; Robert P. Hand, Cape May. Second District, Ferdinand W. Rosbling, Mercer; A. M. Bradshaw, Ocean. Fourth District, A. B. Kelsey, Warren; Stephen K. Large, Hantsdon. Fifth District, Joseph Quackenbush, Passaic; William Barbour, Bergen.

Practically all are for McKinley and it is claimed that the entire State delegation will support the Ohio favorite, expecting that in return McKinley, if nominated, will throw his support to Hobart for the Vice-Presidency.

Enthusiasm for Reed's Candidacy.

Portland, Me., April 16.—The Republican First District Convention met here at 10 o'clock. Reed sentiment was noticed everywhere and his chances formed the theme of conversation on all sides. Hon. Charles F. Libby, who presided, in a speech contended for sound money and protection and eloquently set forth the claims of Mr. Reed for the Presidential nomination.

James T. Davidson, of York, and G. P. Wesscott, of Portland, were elected delegates, and Charles E. Warren, of Buxton, and Charles E. Townsend, of Brunswick, alternates, to the State Convention. The resolutions were brief and instructed the delegates to vote for Reed. The convention was in session only twenty minutes.

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WAR SHIPS READY FOR SPANISH WATERS.

Columbia and New York to Join the Rest of the Fleet at Hampton Roads.

Preparations Still Hurriedly Going on for a Big Demonstration of Strength.

EXTRA FORCE ON THE PURITAN.

Sealed Orders Expected Here for Admiral Buncie To-day or To-morrow and Officers Believe the Goal is Cuba.

That preparations are being made in United States naval circles for a big naval display in the event of President Cleveland taking action on the resolutions recently passed by Congress favoring belligerent rights for the Cubans is evident from the activity shown and the exertions made to get all the battleships and cruisers possible into commission at once.

The cruiser New York, the flagship of Admiral Buncie, and the cruiser Columbia are at present off Tompkinsville. Both vessels will in a few days return to the rest of the fleet at Hampton Roads.

The Columbia is scheduled to take her departure for Hampton Roads on Sunday morning next, and the New York will follow on Wednesday.

Their arrival at this port caused considerable surprise in the first instance, and while naval officials try to maintain the usual secrecy they admit that something out of the ordinary run of affairs brought them here.

BRIEF REST FOR THE SAILORS.

All the men, when they reached this port, fully expected they would be given leave of absence for at least three days. The seamen and marines on the Columbia were therefore surprised on finding that twenty-four hours' leave and no more would be granted. The men on the flagship were allowed forty-eight hours.

Just as soon as the New York arrived Wednesday, Admiral Buncie put off in a launch and disappeared. His private secretary, G. C. Marsh, was on board the cruiser during the day, but had no time to discuss the matter.

Over in the Navy Yard it was discovered that an extra force of men had been put to work on the Puritan, which is regarded as even more formidable than the Terror, which was put in commission on Wednesday. The Puritan only left dry-dock a few days ago and was not intended to be ready for service until the middle of Summer. If the present programme is carried out the Puritan will be ready for service within ten days.

The battleship Indiana has not yet reached New York, but Commandant Stord expects her some time to-day. He says that after a few repairs the Indiana will probably return to Hampton Roads and join the rest of the fleet.

I am not in a position to say whether or not the gathering of the fleet either at Hampton Roads or at this port has any particular significance," he said. "You understand that if I received any official communication or orders, I would not give you any particulars about them."

SEALED ORDERS FOR THE ADMIRAL. A member of the staff of Assistant Secretary of the Navy McAdoo is expected here either to-day or to-morrow. He will come, it is claimed, with sealed orders for Admiral Buncie. It is positively asserted among officials well qualified to speak that an order for a large amount of coal has been issued.

A number of officers and seamen who were seen on board the Columbia and the New York yesterday said they were satisfied that the fleet would not be allowed to

remain long at Hampton Roads. In a short time move into Spain.

TURNING OUT NEW

Force of Workmen at the Wash. Navy Yard Has Already Been Increased to Two Shifts.

By Julius Chambers.

Washington, April 16.—Despite official reticence and even denials, the fact remains that unusual energy pervades the Navy Department. At the Washington Navy Yard two "shifts" of workmen have been regularly employed for the last four weeks, thus putting in sixteen hours per day in making guns of different calibre.

This force is to be increased to three "shifts" per day, so that the entire twenty-four hours may be utilized in making guns for the navy. Within a few days at most the largest and most efficient fleet of modern vessels yet assembled by the navy will be under the command of Rear-Admiral Buncie in Hampton Roads. The battleship Puritan, which has been reconstructed with unabated vigor at the Norfolk Navy Yard, and day the expert mechanics of that yard have been engaged in making the changes in the Texas that were recommended by the special naval board which examined the vessel. It is conceded by the naval officers that as reconstructed the Texas will be one of the most formidable war ships of the United States Navy.

President Cleveland is not a man to adopt a halting policy. He fully understands the temper of the Spanish people and their feeling of bitter resentment against the United States. With a fleet of powerful naval vessels at hand it is plain that he does not intend to be caught unprepared in the event of his negotiations provoking the emotional Spaniard to insult either the President or the people of this great Government.

The preparations now being carefully made do not necessarily indicate that the President anticipates that the Spaniards will show that they possess the quality of caution in a degree becoming to a man occupying his exalted and responsible office.

The representatives of the Cuban patriots in Washington declare that their countrymen will indignantly reject any and all propositions short of absolute and entire independence from a Spanish rule. The Cuban Legation, while declining to discuss any action that the President of the United States might take, in respect of their opinion that not even the power of the United States could persuade the Cubans to lay down arms and submit to Spain, and independent people. The only decree ever issued by the Cuban Republic prescribing death to those who without approval of the Cuban people, attempt to negotiate a peace was one designed to prevent the consideration of proposals of concession from Spain.

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